

REMARKS

Applicant submits that the present amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated July 10, 2007 and, thus, the application is in condition for allowance.

By this reply, all previously withdrawn claims, namely claims 29-34, 37-45 and 47, and previously pending claims 48, 52, 54, 55, 58, 63 and 64, have been canceled. Claims 53, 56, 62, 65 and 67 have been amended. Claims 50, 53, 56, 57, 59-62 and 65-67 remain pending. Of the pending claims, claims 50, 53, 59 and 62 are independent. An expedited review and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 48, 52-54, 57, 58, 62, 63, 66 and 67 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Mollenauer (U.S. Pat No. 6,077,277). It is asserted that Mollenauer discloses a device that is substantially the same as the present invention as recited in the pending claims. Thus, it is concluded that Mollenauer anticipates the present invention as recited in the present claims. Applicant respectfully traverses.

Without presenting the many ways that the present invention, as recited in the previously pending claims, is distinguishable from Mollenauer, the offending claims have been canceled to expedite the allowance of the present application. Applicant reserved the right to pursue withdrawn or contested claims in future continuation applications. The remaining claims have either been indicated as allowed or have been amended to incorporate allowable subject matter as indicated in the outstanding Office Action.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 50 and 59-61 and the indication that claims 55, 56, 64 and 65 contain patentable subject matter. In response thereof, and to expedite the allowance of the present application, independent claims 53 is amended to incorporate the features of claim 55 and intervening claim 54. Likewise, independent claim 62 is amended to

incorporate the features of claim 64 and intervening claim 63. Further amendments were made to claims 56, 65 and 67 to correct for dependencies. Thus, all claims should now be allowable.

If any fees are associated with the entering and consideration of this request for consideration, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account 50-2882.

As all of the outstanding rejections have been traversed and all of the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If the undersigned attorney can assist in any matters regarding examination of this application, Examiner is encouraged to call at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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